

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
SECURELY SYNCHRONIZING
MULTIPLE COPIES OF A WORKPLACE
ELEMENT IN A NETWORK

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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR CONSIDERATION OF
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AFTER NOTICE OF
ALLOWANCE AND BEFORE PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE, AND
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In order to comply with the duty to disclose under C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) to have the enclosed documents considered by the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the cost for this petition as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Information Disclosure fees and petition fees to Deposit Account **05-0150**.

The information listed below may be material to the examination of the above-identified application. Copies of cited reference(s) and a completed PTO-1449 form are submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make this information of official record in the application.

Accordingly, as specified in §1.97(e)(1), Applicants' undersigned attorney hereby certifies that:

no item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than 3 months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants would appreciate the Examiner's initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the reference(s) have been considered and made of record herein.

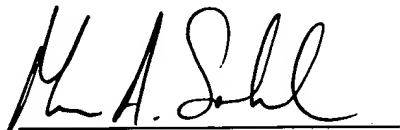
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If for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in payment of required fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account 05-0150.

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